

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

September 7, 1999

99-00599

Mr. Charles L. Howorth, Jr.
Regulatory Vice President
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
333 Commerce Street #2104
Nashville, TN 37201-3300

Dear Mr. Howorth:

BellSouth recently filed Tariff 99-00599 to provide Contract Service Arrangement TN99-3195-01 for Frame Relay Service to a customer. To assist the Authority in our evaluation of this filing, we request that you provide responses to the following:

1. Did the customer receive a competitive offer(s) from a competing telecommunications service provider(s)?
2. If BellSouth's response to item 1 is in the affirmative, provide an Affidavit from the customer certifying the following:
 - a. The name(s) of the competing provider(s) making the competitive offer(s);
 - b. The time period during which the competing provider(s) identified in 2.a. negotiated with the customer and made the competitive offer(s); and
 - c. That BellSouth did not initiate negotiations regarding a contract service arrangement with the customer prior to the time period during which the competitive threat occurred as identified in 2.b.
3. The Affidavit must contain the following statement, taken from BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY 58 (6th ed. 1990), which acknowledges that:

The customer to this contract service arrangement understands that an Affidavit is a written or printed declaration or statement of facts, made voluntarily, and confirmed by the oath or affirmation of the party making it, taken before a person having authority to administer such oath or affirmation.

We request that you file five (5) copies of your responses with the Authority by Noon on Friday, September 10, 1999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. David Waddell". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being prominent and capitalized.

K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary

cc: Mr. Guy Hicks